

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

The key word in today's gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he/she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, September 11

8:30 a.m. Larry Cox +
Kamryn Cunningham +
Pam Converse +

Tuesday, September 12

8:30 a.m. Mary Rita Doorley +

Wednesday, September 13

8:30 a.m.
6:30 p.m. Living & Deceased of
Mark Thompson &
Moyer families

Thursday, September 14

8:30 a.m. Marge Debacher +

Friday, September 15

8:30 a.m. Ed Nixon +

Saturday, September 16

8:30 a.m. Jack McNamara +
5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of
the Eckler, Wolf &
Hiss families

Sunday, September 17

8:30 a.m. Steve & Rosena
Verhoff +
Jim Graham +
11:00 a.m. Deceased of the
Kolhoff & Harrington
Families +
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, September 10 - PSR BEGINS

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - RCIA classes in the RCIA Rm. in Cafeteria Bldg.
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Parish School of Religion
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass
3:00 p.m. - Blessing of Bikes at the Risen Jesus statue

Monday, September 11

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 12

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 13

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena
6:00 p.m. - Rosary/Benediction/Mass at the grotto

Thursday, September 14

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
2:00-5:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 p.m. - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg. in the Rectory

Friday, September 15

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 16

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 17 - Blessing of Catechists

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Holy Name Breakfast in the Parish Hall
9:00 a.m. - RCIA classes in the RCIA Rm. in Cafeteria Bldg.
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Parish School of Religion
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

WEDDING BANNS:

Kyle Anderson & Mary Singian, II



FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Aug., 4th week On-line: \$ 1,350.00	\$ 10,660.20	\$ 10,016.60
# of Envelopes	260	247
YTD Totals:	\$ 93,822.01	\$ 98,779.38



BLESSING OF BIKES:

Fr. Mike Houston will have a blessing of motorcycles and bikers today, September 10th at 3:00 p.m. near the statue of the Risen Christ outside of St. Gerard Church. Although Jesus did not ride the roads of Palestine on a motorcycle, he walked the roads bringing blessings and good news to all He met. Come and be blessed as you ride the roads and carry the good news of Christ to the people you encounter on your journeys.

BLESSING OF CATECHISTS:

We will be giving a special blessing to all of our PSR Teachers, Religion Teachers at any Catholic School and a blessing to our RCIA leaders and teachers on the weekend of September 16th and 17th. These are all members of our parish who serve as Catechists and will be called forth to be commissioned for their Ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

RECERTIFICATION OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

We will have the Recertification of Eucharistic Ministers at all the Masses on September 23/24th. All distributors will be blessed during Mass and your certificates will be in the back of church by the gathering space. Thank you for serving your parish by being Eucharistic Ministers.



**HOLY NAME BREAKFASTS
RETURNING THIS MONTH:**

The Holy Name men will once again be offering breakfast following the Masses on the third Sunday of the month, beginning September. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 17th!** They serve up a delicious breakfast with all the trimmings.

**The breakfast will run from
9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
and will be held in the
Parish Hall.**

ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

The next meeting of the Rosary/Altar Society will be held on Tuesday, September 19th. We will gather in church at noon to pray the rosary. We will have lunch together at Fat Jacks following the rosary. All ladies of the parish who can attend are encouraged to do so.

HANDBELL CHOIR:

The St. Gerard Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 20th at 7:15 in the choir loft. We are always in need of more ringers and welcome anyone Grade 6 through adult. We will teach you everything you need to know. We have a bell that will just fit your hand.

THANK YOU:

The church Decorating Committee would like to say **"thank you"** to the many parishioners who give to the envelopes for Christmas and Easter flowers. This money is used not only for these two church "Seasons", but also for decorating the church throughout the liturgical year.

We have been very grateful and thankful for private donations that have helped with some of our bigger projects. God bless you all for your generosity.

SEPARATED/DIVORCED - NOW WHAT?

Support group now forming. **Receive these great blessings: healing, wisdom, peace, hope, confidence, resilience.** The meetings will be held at St. Charles Catholic Church/School Library, 2200 W. Elm St., Lima on Tuesdays, Sept. 5th through December 13th. For more information, call Rosalyn Liston at 419-999-4210 or email auntroro@wcoil.com.

2017 DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF WEDDING

ANNIVERSARIES:

Join Bishop Daniel Thomas and the Office of Marriage and Family Life to commemorate 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60-plus years of marriage for couples in the Diocese of Toledo. The Mass will be held at Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral on October 1, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. Registered couples will receive a commemorative certificate. To register, go to: toledoanniversarymass.org, contact Marsha Rivas, 419-214-4938, or call the parish office.

The registration deadline is September 15, 2017.



PSR NEWS:

Attention all public school families of St. Gerard. Our Parish School of Religion begins this weekend. Registration is required. All past students should have received their registrations in the mail. All families who have not previously attended St. Gerard PSR or did not receive a registration are welcome to register by contacting Shandra Parker at the parish office, (419) 224-3080 or email at: sparker@sgslima.org.

ST. GERARD ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:

Would you like your child to become more involved in the church? We are currently looking for new altar servers to be added to our schedule of weekend Masses. All children in the fourth grade and older who are willing to commit to serving weekend Masses are invited to contact Shandra Parker at (419) 224-3080 or email at: sparker@sgslima.org.



ADULT ALTAR SERVERS WANTED:

Would you be willing to become an Altar Server as an adult? We would love to have you! Adults interested in being altar servers for the Wednesday evening Mass and also to serve Funeral Masses are asked to contact Shandra Parker at (419) 224-3080 or email at: sparker@sgslima.org.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults into the Catholic faith. RCIA is for anyone who:

- Is a non-baptized adult.
- Baptized in another Christian Church and is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church, with or without the intention of becoming a member.
- A baptized Catholic who never received Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation.

RCIA has begun. There is still time to join the group. If you have any questions, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, September 16:

5:00 p.m. *B. Muskus, D. Hollingsworth,
J. Hollingsworth, S. Parker,
K. Canavan, M. Hinegardner,
D. Griffo, J. Wolf, L. Makley,
S. Tschuor*

Sunday, September 17:

8:30 a.m. *G. Merkel, M. Meyer, S. Nocera,
B. Pinney, P. Huffman, M. King,
T. Sroufe, J. Sroufe, C. Altenbach,
S. Ellinger*

11:00 a.m. *V. Carter, F. Thompson, T. Meyer,
F. Gallegos, R. Karbowskiak,
D. Vondrell, G. Vondrell, C. Wreede,
R. Vagedes, S. Young*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Sept. 16: 5:00 p.m. - *B. Flynn*
Sept. 17: 8:30 a.m. - *M. Hickey*
11:00 a.m. - *E. Truex*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Sept. 16: 5:00 p.m. - *N. Chambers, E. Gamble
H. Chambers*
Sept. 17: 8:30 a.m. - *BJ Carder, C. Bacome,
R. Moore*
11:00 a.m. - *K. Meyer, G. Sutton,
S. Santaguida*

SACRISTY WORKERS FOR SEPT.:

Barb Geise, Sue Graham



ENGAGED COUPLES WORKSHOP:

Schedule and registration for Engaged Couples Workshops "Joy-Filled Marriage" and "Cana II" can now be found most easily by visiting the website at: <http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org>.



SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Today we are taking up a special collection for relief efforts in Texas. Your financial support will help with long-term recovery efforts. Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo will pass on all donations, dollar for dollar, to sister Catholic Charities agencies in impacted areas. Checks can be made out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo. If you would like to mail in your donation, please send it to 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. Please continue to pray for them.

PRAYER CLOTH:

In the rectory office, we have "PRAYER CLOTHS" available to anyone wishing to have one. Each cloth is about 4-6 inches square and have been blessed with the relic of St. Blessed Francis Seelos and also comes with a prayer card. Whether you need healing in mind or body, this prayer cloth is a reminder of God's love for each one of us. It is also a reminder that St. Gerard Parish is praying for you too.



SUPPORT RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS:

Are you interested in supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious sisters and brothers? Please consider joining the Serra Club of the Lima area, which is part of Serra International, the pre-eminent Catholic service organization dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Lima Serra Club meets twice a month on Thursday evenings for Mass, dinner, fellowship and an informative program on diverse topics relating to the Church. Our first meeting this year is on September 14, 2017 at 5:45 p.m., and all are welcome to come and experience the Catholic fellowship of the Serra Club of the Lima area. For details and to RSVP for dinner, contact Douglas Daley at 419-227-9595 or dadaleylaw@gmail.com

Designer Purse Bingo Time!

St. Gerard Catholic School

Announces our 4th annual

Ladies' Night Out!



Saturday, October 21, 2017

St. Gerard Catholic School Gym

1311 N. Main St., Lima

Doors open 6:00pm / BINGO begins 7:00pm

\$35 per ticket (Ticket prices include: 20 bingo cards & light dinner)

****Extra Bingo Cards \$5 ea.****

****50/50** **Silent Auction****

Soft Drinks, Water & Adult Beverages will be available for purchase throughout the evening.

MUST BE 21 YRS OR OLDER TO ATTEND

Tickets available at the school office 419-222-0431

A limited number of tickets will be sold-tables of 8 available when paid in advance